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SUMMARY

There is no relaxation in the buildup of Stalin both as the symbol of the Communist movement and as hero of China, and the need to study Stalin documents and "works about Stalin," meaning primarily funeral orations and eulogies, is emphasized. Workers are urged to set aside time for daily study, and the statement that Stalin will live on in the hearts of the Chinese is heard frequently, while the example of his achievements is to serve as a guide for all China. Old themes receive new twists: Peasants must accelerate production as a tribute to Stalin; workers must emulate Russian methods and techniques in memory of Stalin; cadres must correct their shortcomings as Stalin would have them do; China owes a great deal to Russian advisers and experts, who were sent out personally by Stalin. The theory that Stalin, great friend of Sun Yat-sen, created and guided the Chinese Revolution seems challenged by Nanking's celebration of the Taiping liberation, which points out that even a century ago, 70 years before Stalin entered the picture, China was fighting "feudalism and imperialistic exploitation."

While the Resist America-Aid Korea organization recruits technicians for Korea, people are comforted by stories of American war weariness and opposition in the United States. Comment on damage to Britain and Southeast Asia from China-trade restrictions may reflect fear that the embargo may be tightened. Pressures on private businessmen are relaxed to prevent trade breakdowns. Russian equipment for a new power plant is promised, but admission that coal cars are built from scrap reveals the industrial materials shortage. The basic construction program is obviously lagging; perhaps one reason for this lag is that cadres on construction sites are busy learning to operate radios and relay systems to handle the Party propaganda network.

As March is "Marriage Law Implementation Month," the subject gets considerable attention. Especially significant in high policy statements is the stress on care in enforcement of the Law, with resort to persuasion rather than force.

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